MOTION: Creation of a position paper addressing harm reduction strategies surrounding alcohol dependence with a focus on Managed Alcohol Programs (MAPs).

1) WHEREAS there is a growing need for access to harm reduction programs to address the risks and harms associated with substance misuse in Canadian populations

WHEREAS it has been found that rates of substance abuse, particularly alcohol dependence among populations experiencing homeless is disproportionate with the general population

WHEREAS there needs to be further research into what defines a community in need of a MAP

WHEREAS there is a need to identify potential gaps in undergraduate medical education surrounding harm reduction and MAPS and medical treatment of alcohol-related disorders.

WHEREAS input/feedback is required from established managed alcohol programs currently in place across Canada.

2) Be it resolved that the CFMS should support the prioritization of government funding towards the creation of Managed Alcohol Programs in communities identified as in need.

Be it resolved that the CFMS should support the inclusion of addiction medicine and harm reduction in undergraduate medical education.

3) Financial Cost (estimate): None

4) Level of Effort: None. Working group to have position paper completed by AGM 2017.

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